

Proposed CMA Constitutional Amendments for Action in 1978

Fifteen Constitutional amendments were introduced in the 1977 House of Delegates. Under the terms of the Constitution, these amendments must lie on the table until the next regular meeting of the House of Delegates.

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Article I, Section 6.—Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association

Introduced by: Frederick W. Ackerman, MD
Representing: Council
Author: Council

Constitutional Amendment 1-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article I, Section 6.—Woman's Auxiliary to the California Medical Association be amended by deleting the words in brackets and adding the words in *italic* so that it now shall read:

Section 6.—[Woman's Auxiliary to the] California Medical Association *Auxiliary*

In addition to the organizational structure previously set forth in this Article, this Association may charter [a Woman's Auxiliary to] the California Medical Association *Auxiliary*, and components thereto, which shall be considered an integral part of the Association but which shall conduct its own organization and business separate and distinct from the Association and its Societies, subject to the following requirements:

(a) The name of the Auxiliary shall be [‘Woman's Auxiliary to] the ‘*California Medical Association Auxiliary*’ (hereinafter referred to as Auxiliary);

(b) The purpose of the Auxiliary shall be to promote the science and art of medicine, the protection of public health and the betterment of the medical profession, and to promote similar interests of its component Auxiliaries;

(c) The Auxiliary shall be composed of the component Auxiliaries and their members;

(d) Component Auxiliaries shall include all [women's] auxiliaries to Component Medical Societies of the California Medical Association heretofore or hereafter chartered by this Association; . . .

Article III.—Government of the Association, Part A—House of Delegates Section 1.—Composition

Introduced by: Frederick W. Ackerman, MD
Representing: Council
Author: Council

Constitutional Amendment 2-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III.—Government of the Association, Part A.—House of Delegates, Section 1.—Composition be amended by deleting the words in brackets so that it now shall read:

The House of Delegates shall consist of:

(a) Delegates elected by the members of component societies;

(b) Officers of the Association as hereinafter provided;

(c) Ex officio, with the right to vote, the Councilors;

(d) Ex officio, without the right to vote, [eighteen (18)] members of the Scientific Board selected as provided in the Bylaws;

(e) Ex officio, without the right to vote, the past presidents;

(f) Ex officio, without the right to vote, the officers, the

delegates and alternate delegates to the American Medical Association, who are not otherwise members of the House of Delegates of this Association; and

(g) Delegates elected by duly enrolled medical students in good standing at accredited schools of medicine in California.

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Article IV, Section 4, Funds, Property, Dues, Assessments and Expenditures

Introduced by: San Francisco Delegation
Author: Edward T. Kelley, MD

Constitutional Amendment 3-77 Committee F

RESOLVED: That Article IV, Section 4—Special Assessments, etc. of the Constitution of this Association be amended by inserting after the words “levied by”—a two-thirds vote of —so that Section 4 would read:

Section 4—Special Assessments, etc.

Funds may also be raised by any of the following methods:

(a) publications of the Association; (b) voluntary contributions; (c) bequests, legacies, devises, and gifts; (d) special assessments levied by a *two-thirds vote* of the House of Delegates; and (e) in any other manner approved by the House of Delegates. In the event that the House of Delegates levies any special or other assessment than the annual assessment of dues, it may, in the resolution levying the assessment, fix and determine the time within which such assessment must be paid, the class or classes of members of the Association upon whom it is levied, and the penalty, if any, including forfeiture or suspension of membership in this Association or the component society, or both, to result from nonpayment thereof within the time prescribed.

Past President Voting Representation in the House of Delegates

Introduced by: Ralph C. Teall, MD
Representing: Past Presidents
Author: Ralph C. Teall, MD

Constitutional Amendment 4-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That the CMA Past Presidents be accorded the privilege of voting in the CMA House of Delegates; and, be it further

RESOLVED: That Article III, Government of the Association, Part A, House of Delegates, Section 1, Composition, be amended by deleting the word in brackets and adding the word in *italic* so that it now shall read:

Section 1.—Composition

The House of Delegates shall consist of:

. . .

(e) Ex Officio, [without] *with* the right to vote, the past presidents.

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Specialty Representation in the House of Delegates

Introduced by: F. Harold Johnson, MD
Author: F. Harold Johnson, MD

Constitutional Amendment 5-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III—Government of the Association, Part A.—House of Delegates, Section 1.—Composition,

be amended by adding a new subsection (d) and by renumbering the subsequent subsections.

- (d) *Delegates representing specialty sections or specialty organizations in those sections and elected by CMA members practicing within those specialties as provided in the Bylaws.*

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Specialty Representation on the Council

Introduced by: F. Harold Johnson, MD
Author: F. Harold Johnson, MD

Constitutional Amendment 6-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III.—Government of the Association, Part B.—Council, Section 9.—Composition, be amended by adding Subsection (f).

- (f) *Elected Councilors from specialty sections or mutually agreeable combinations of sections whose regular active CMA membership exceeds five thousand (5,000) and is approved by the CMA Council.*

Specialty Representation on the Council— Election of Councilors

Introduced by: F. Harold Johnson, MD
Author: F. Harold Johnson, MD

Constitutional Amendment 7-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III.—Government of the Association, Part B.—Council, Section 11.—Election of Councilors, be amended as follows by adding the words in *italic*.

District and *specialty section* councilors shall be elected in the manner and at the time specified in the Bylaws; provided, however, that at the first meeting of the House of Delegates after a district and *specialty section* councilor has been selected, his name shall be submitted to the House by the delegates from the district or *specialty section*, and (1) if there is no challenge by any delegate then the speaker shall declare his election completed, and (2) if any delegate shall challenge the election on any ground, including fitness of the nominee of the district or *specialty section* to serve as a district or *specialty section* councilor, the questions presented by the challenge shall be submitted to a Qualifications Committee consisting of the president, president-elect and one delegate, appointed by the speaker, from the councilor or *specialty section* district involved. The Qualifications Committee shall consider all grounds upon which the nominee is challenged and report back to the House. If the committee reports in favor of confirming the nominee's election, the speaker shall declare him elected. If the committee reports against confirming the nominee's election, a three-fourths affirmative vote shall be necessary to sustain the report of the committee, in which event the nominee shall be ineligible to serve as the district or *specialty section* councilor and the delegates from the district or *specialty section* shall immediately proceed with the selection of another nominee for the vacant office. If an adverse report of the Qualifications Committee is not sustained then the nominee shall be declared elected by the Speaker.

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Article III, Part B.—Council, Section 9.—Composition

Introduced by: Council
Representing: Committee of Specialty Societies
Author: Committee of Specialty Societies

Constitutional Amendment 8-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part B, Section 9, of the Constitution of this Association be amended by adding a new subsection (f), which shall read:

- (f) *Councilors elected by the Specialty Delegation, as provided in the Bylaws.*

Article III, Part A.—House of Delegates, Section 1.—Composition

Introduced by: Council
Representing: Committee of Specialty Societies
Author: Committee of Specialty Societies

Constitutional Amendment 9-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part A, Section 1 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by deleting the words in brackets and adding the words in *italic* so that it now shall read:

Section 1.—Composition

The House of Delegates shall consist of:

- (a) Delegates elected by the members of component societies;
- (b) *Delegates elected by members of specialty societies or organizations recognized by the House of Delegates, as provided in the Bylaws;*
- [(b)] (c) Officers of the Association as hereinafter provided;
- [(c)] (d) Ex officio, with the right to vote, the councilors;
- [(d)] (e) Ex officio, without the right to vote, eighteen (18) members of the Scientific Board selected as provided in the Bylaws;
- [(e)] (f) Ex officio, without the right to vote, the past presidents;
- [(f)] (g) Ex officio, without the right to vote, the officers, the delegates and alternate delegates to the American Medical Association, who are not otherwise members of the House of Delegates of this Association; and
- [(g)] (h) Delegates elected by duly enrolled medical students in good standing at accredited schools of medicine in California.

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Article III, Part A.—House of Delegates, Section 2.—Representation

Introduced by: Council
Representing: Committee of Specialty Societies
Author: Committee of Specialty Societies

Constitutional Amendment 10-77 Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part A, Section 2, of the Constitution of this Association be amended by adding the words in *italic*, so that it now shall read:

Section 2.—Representation

As the Bylaws shall provide, each component society shall be entitled to proportionate representation in the House of Delegates but with a minimum of two delegates. *As the Bylaws shall also provide, specialty societies or organizations recognized by the House of Delegates shall be entitled to representation.* As the Bylaws shall further provide, the duly enrolled medical students in good standing at each accredited school of medicine located in California shall be entitled to elect one delegate from each such school.

Article I, Section 5.—Component Society Chapters

Introduced by: Council
Representing: House Officer Component Unit
Author: Committee on Organizational Review and Planning
(CORP)

Constitutional Amendment 11-77
Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article I, Section 5 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by deleting the words in brackets and adding the words in *italic* so that it now shall read:

Section 5.—Component Society Charters

Charters to component societies may be granted and revoked as hereinafter prescribed.

[One] *Two* charters may be issued to [a] component societ(y)ies that [is] *are* not limited as to geographical area or which overlap[s] the area covered by one or more existing component societies.

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Article III, Part A, Section 7.—Issuance and Revocation of Charters

Introduced by: Council
Representing: House Officer Component Unit
Author: CORP

Constitutional Amendment 12-77
Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part A, Section 7 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by deleting the words in brackets and adding the words in *italics* so that it now shall read:

Section 7.—Issuance and Revocation of Charters

- (a) The House of Delegates shall issue charters to medical societies of any county, any component society of at least 300 members which has exercised its option to become autonomous, [or] to any group of counties deemed eligible which have made proper application therefor, *and to any component society not limited as to geographical area authorized by the Bylaws.*

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Article III, Part A, Section 4.—Terms of Delegates and Alternates

Introduced by: Council
Representing: House Officer Component Unit
Author: CORP

Constitutional Amendment 13-77
Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part A, Section 4 of the Con-

stitution of this Association be amended by adding the words in *italic* so that it now shall read:

Section 4.—Terms of Delegates and Alternates

Delegates and alternates shall serve for two or three years as each component society may determine. One-half or one-third, as the case may be, of the allowed number shall be elected each year. Delegates and alternates elected from each school of medicine *and from the House Officer Component Society* shall serve for a term of one year.

Article III, Part B, Section 10.—Councilor Districts

Introduced by: Council
Representing: House Officer Component Unit
Author: CORP

Constitutional Amendment 14-77
Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part B, Section 10 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by deleting the words in brackets and adding the words in *italics*, so that it now shall read:

Section 10.—Councilor Districts

There are [12] *13* Districts as follows:

District Number Twelve, consisting of any society, *other than District 13*, which is not limited as to . . .

District Number Thirteen, consisting of the statewide House Officer Component Society, not limited as to geographical area; such society and its members shall not be considered to be members of any other Councilor District, and shall be entitled to elect one Councilor only when its membership exceeds 700 members, plus one additional Councilor for each additional 1,000 members.

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Article III, Part B, Section 9.—Composition Student Representation on the Council

Introduced by: Ted Ganiats
Representing: Student Section—Liaison Committee to Medical Students
Author: Student Section—Liaison Committee to Medical Students

Constitutional Amendment 15-77
Committee G

RESOLVED: That Article III, Part B, Section 9 of the Constitution of this Association be amended by adding a new subsection (g), which shall read:

- (g) *The Chairman of the Student Section of the Liaison Committee to Medical Students, when he is a member of this Association, shall be an ex officio member of the Council, without the right to vote.*